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**Cc:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa[Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]; StClair, Christie[StClair.Christie@epa.gov]; Mylott, Richard[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]  
**From:** Gray, David  
**Sent:** Sat 8/15/2015 12:49:39 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Are we supposed to send this out to media? FW: R8 Validated Data Posted

Let's only announce decisions that we are party to

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:43 PM, Harrison, Melissa <[Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov](mailto:Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov)> wrote:

I'm going to let David make the calls for R6.

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**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 7:01 PM  
**To:** Harrison, Melissa; StClair, Christie; Mylott, Richard; Gray, David  
**Subject:** RE: Are we supposed to send this out to media? FW: R8 Validated Data Posted

## Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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**From:** Harrison, Melissa  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 4:55 PM  
**To:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; StClair, Christie; Mylott, Richard; Gray, David  
**Subject:** Re: Are we supposed to send this out to media? FW: R8 Validated Data Posted

+David for R6

Sorry, we didn't actually put out a release, just updated the website. You can send it out if you would like. It was the same message in the joint release about opening up the river, so we didn't do a separate release. Feel free to push if you would like.

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**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 6:47 PM  
**To:** StClair, Christie; Mylott, Richard; Harrison, Melissa  
**Cc:** Daguiard, Robert  
**Subject:** RE: Are we supposed to send this out to media? FW: R8 Validated Data Posted

We did not receive this to be sent to media except from our congressional liaison– we usually get it...have we been deleted from a list?

Myself and Laura Jenkins should be on anything like that.

Thanks!

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**From:** StClair, Christie  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 3:10 PM  
**To:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard; Harrison, Melissa  
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert; Purchia, Liz  
**Subject:** RE: Are we supposed to send this out to media? FW: R8 Validated Data Posted

Plus Liz for guidance

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**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 5:00 PM  
**To:** Mylott, Richard; StClair, Christie; Harrison, Melissa  
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Subject:** Are we supposed to send this out to media? FW: R8 Validated Data Posted

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**From:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 2:58 PM  
**To:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Subject:** FW: R8 Validated Data Posted

This says it was posted and HQ sent it to me.

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**From:** Purchia, Liz  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 2:15 PM  
**To:** EOC Public Information; Senn, John; Colaizzi, Jennifer C.; Gray, David; Harrison, Melissa; StClair, Christie; Keener, Bill; Daguiard, Robert; Higuchi, Dean; Maier, Brent; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Mogharabi, Nahal; Hull, George; Smith, Paula; Russo, Rebecca; Distefano, Nichole; Reynolds, Thomas  
**Subject:** R8 Validated Data Posted

Sediment data posted on page

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/gold-king-mine-data-august-14-2015>

Second spreadsheet for yesterday added to page

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/gold-king-mine-data-august-13-2015>

The EPA sediment samples collected in the Animas River from Bakers Bridge to north of Durango have been validated. EPA has done a review of the data which included a comparison to background to determine if the metal concentrations are consistent with pre-incident levels. Metal results that exceeded pre-incident levels were subsequently compared to risk-based screening levels. These results indicate that minor exceedances of background concentrations were observed for antimony, lead, silver, thallium. However, comparison to risk-based screening values found these exceedances to below risk screening levels. The review and interpretation of these data was a collaborative effort that included state and local members of the unified command.